

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Every Citizen Can Help Make Bahrain Greener

Bahrain is blessed with a beautiful environment, and protecting and improving it should be a shared responsibility. I believe every citizen and resident can contribute by taking the initiative to plant more trees and greenery wherever possible.

Planting trees not only makes our surroundings more attractive but also contributes to a healthier and more sustainable environment. Small individual efforts, when multiplied across communities, can make a meaningful difference.

At the same time, we should look at other simple environmental habits. For example, supermarkets could encourage customers to reduce the number of plastic bags they use by offering reusable bags, boxes, or other practical alternatives. Customers, too, should make an effort to carry reusable bags whenever possible.

Keeping Bahrain clean and green cannot be the responsibility of authorities alone. It requires participation from everyone — individuals, businesses, and communities.

Let us all take small but meaningful steps to protect the Kingdom’s environment and keep Bahrain clean, green, and beautiful for future generations.

Farouq

Four Families, One Home — Why Should We Be Penalised?

I am writing to raise concerns about the impact of the current electricity billing system on large families living under one roof.

In our case, four families live in the same family home, and our latest electricity bill reached around BD700 after consumption entered the fourth tariff tier. When we contacted EWA, we were told that a bill of around BD700 is considered average for four families living under one roof. But since when has this become considered affordable or reasonable?

The reality is that we cannot simply install separate electricity meters. This is a family home, and the cost and practical difficulties of installing separate meters are extremely high. Yet the current billing structure treats the household as a single consumer, despite several independent families sharing the same property and its electricity consumption.

We are not asking for special treatment. We are asking for a fairer billing system that recognises the number of families living in one home.

For example, a certain level of subsidised electricity consumption could be allocated per family living under the same roof before consumption moves into the highest tariff tier. This would ensure that large extended families are not unfairly pushed into expensive tariff brackets simply because they share one home.

The situation is becoming increasingly difficult as the cost of living continues to rise. Electricity is an essential service, and the pressure is particularly severe during the summer months when air-conditioning is not a luxury but a necessity.

Our family will soon have five families living under one roof, largely because affordable, sufficiently large government housing is not readily available for everyone. We are trying to support our children and keep our families together by sharing one home. It should not feel as though we are being financially punished for doing so.

A household with four or five families naturally consumes more electricity than a household of one family. But the solution should not simply be to push that household into the highest tariff tier.

I hope the authorities will review the system and consider a family-based allocation for shared homes, so that large families can receive fair treatment while continuing to manage their essential living costs.

PICTURE OF THE DAY



Photo : Sandeep Mehta



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SOCIAL MEDIA

Bahrain bans use of single-use plastic bags

Bahrain bans the manufacture, import and use of single-use plastic bags thinner than 57 microns, as part of efforts to reduce plastic waste and promote sustainability.

TOP COMMENTS

- 74basheerahmed**
Good job for you and your team please
- roshni839w**
Allah blessed the Kingdom of behrain , keep it up
- c3_borneo**
Let’s use box after paying at the cashier and the market staff please prepare the box and also tape
- hirenjsagar**
Mixe fruits and veggies bought from a supermarket and you end up with 16 bags. Again, the cashier will put them into 4 different bags. They must take the initiative to reduce this.
- schneiderbarbara**
Make people pay for each bag in the supermarket. But also need to teach people some manners and if that doesn’t work fine them hard for littering. Everything is covered with plastic bottles it’s awful.
- asraffahangir**
very citizen needs to take the initiatives to plant Trees as much as possible. God blessed the kingdom of Bahrain



We would love to hear from you.

If you have anything you’d like to say or share with us, please feel free to write to us at online@newsofbahrain.com

Simple Fire Safety Measures Can Save Lives

Household fires can happen unexpectedly, but following basic safety measures recommended by the General Directorate of Civil Defence can reduce many of their risks.

Every home should have properly installed smoke and gas detectors, particularly because they can provide an early warning when residents are asleep. Battery-operated detectors are especially useful during power cuts and should be checked regularly to ensure they are working and their batteries are replaced when needed.

Families should also keep emergency exits clear and avoid installing window bars that cannot be opened from inside. Suitable fire extinguishers should be kept in accessible locations, especially in kitchens, and residents should know how to use them.

Regularly checking electrical wiring and appliances is equally important. Households should use automatic circuit breakers, close gas cylinders after use, and ensure cigarettes and shisha are completely extinguished.

Flammable liquids should be kept away from heat, flames, and electrical sources. Kitchens and storage areas should also be properly ventilated. If there is a smell of gas or flammable vapour, residents should avoid using matches, flames, or smoking.

Most importantly, in the event of a fire, windows should not be opened, as the additional airflow can help the fire spread.

Fire safety is a shared responsibility. Taking a few simple precautions at home can provide valuable protection for families and help prevent a small incident from becoming a tragedy.

Rizwan



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Oh God... once again, I have to carry you!

School Re-opening

Word Search Puzzle

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